

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L USBERLIN 1538

EO 12065 GDS 7/30/85 (SEMLER PETER) OR-P  
TAGS: PGOV, PINT, WB SU  
SUBJECT: DEFECTION OF SOVIET MUSICIAN

1. C-ENTIRE TEXT

2. SOVIET CONSULATE GENERAL WEST BERLIN HAS APPROACHED  
WEST BERLIN POLICE TO ASK WHEREABOUTS OF KASYULIS. POLICE  
IN TURN ASKED USBER FOR AUTHORITY TO TURN OUT A MISSING PERSON  
REPORT. WE HAVE TOLD THEM NOT TO DO SO WITHOUT PROVIDING REASONS.

3. WE EXPECT KASYULIS DEFECTION WILL BE IN PRESS TOMORROW.  
UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, WE INTEND TO NOTIFY SOVIET  
CONSULATE GENERAL ON AFTERNOON OF JULY 17 THAT KASYULIS HAS  
ASKED FOR ASYLUM AND IS NOW PROCESSING IN NORMAL FASHION WITHIN  
FRG. WE FEEL WE OWE THIS MUCH TO SOVIETS IF WE ARE TO MAINTAIN  
NORMAL RELATIONS WITH THEM IN BERLIN. WE WOULD EXPECT AS MUCH  
FROM THEM WHEN AN AMERICAN SOLDIER IS MISSING IN SOVIET SECTOR.

4. TO AVOID PROBLEMS AT THE MARIENFELDE REFUGEE CENTER,  
UNDER US CONTROL IN US SECTOR, AND TO ENSURE THAT KASYULIS NOT  
BE VIEWED AS A US/SOVIET PROBLEM, WE HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS  
FOR THE US ARMY TO FLY HIM TO AN FRG REFUGEE PROCESSING CENTER  
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ON MORNING OF JULY 17. THEREAFTER, HE WILL BE TREATED IN THE SAME  
MANNER AS OTHER REFUGEES FROM THE EAST. SOVIETS COULD PRESUMABLY USE  
NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS IF THEY REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION OR  
INTEND TO SEEK CONFRONTATION.

5. FYI KASYULIS WILL REMAIN AT JROC (SECURE) CENTER UNTIL DEPARTURE  
FROM BERLIN.

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